

You will be hated by all
because of my name,
but not a hair on your head
will be destroyed.

Luke 21:17-18

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 17, 2019

St. Matthias

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Matthias Mass Schedule

Tuesday & Thursday	5:30 pm
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am & 10:30 am

St. Charles Mass Schedule

Monday—Saturday	8:30 am
Fridays	6:30 am
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:30 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45 pm or by
appointment

First Communion and Confirmation

Email Sabrina Harper for information.

Baptism

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

Marriage

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

**See the Staff Directory Inside the
Cover for Contact Information.**

St. Matthias is a Roman Catholic Community striving to respond to the call of Jesus through worship and sacraments, faith formation, service, and social opportunities.

Under the guidance of the Pastor and pastoral staff, we seek to strengthen current lay leadership and develop and empower new leadership. Although a small parish, we commit ourselves and parish programs to hospitality, generosity to those in need, and outreach to all those seeking a faith community. As Catholics, we recognize the many challenges facing the Church, but we trust in the Holy Spirit to guide us into the future.



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Our Call to Community Building

Lifetouch Parish Directory

We would like to create a parish family directory and need your assistance to coordinate the project or contacting families, greeting families at photography events, etc. Our last photo directory came out in 2011 for our 50th Anniversary and it is time for a new one. This would likely take place in the spring of 2020. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Sabrina via email
sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

Giving Tree for St. Francis Center

Our annual Giving Tree will be set up November 30th. Unwrapped gifts will be collected for children of all ages and will be distributed through St. Francis Center. This is a lovely way to share our many blessings with our neighbors in need. More details to follow.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 8 at 10:00 am | Fr. Lacey Hall

Our annual parish Christmas celebration will be held on Saturday, December 14th from 10-12 noon. Children will be able to have their photos taken with Santa Claus and breakfast will be served by St. Matthias' very own elves—the youth of the parish! The event is free, however; we ask all to register so that we can plan for seating and food. More information will follow in next weekend's bulletin.

Ecuador Pilgrimage for Youth in 2020

In July 2005, ten members of St. Matthias parish went on a parish pilgrimage trip to the Working Boys' Center: A Family of Families in Quito, Ecuador. They visited Sr. Cindy Sullivan and Sr. Miguel, members of Sr. Dee's religious community who run the Center with Fr. John Halligan, SJ. They participated in a "minga," helping to build a house for a family, and helped out around the center with their educational and trade programs.

In 2010, a tradition was born at St. Matthias of a bi-annual trip to Ecuador with high school students. The trip is lead by Sabrina Harper and Maria Cornell. Starting in 2010, then again, in 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018, youth and leaders from St. Matthias and St. Pius parishes have visited the Working Boys' Center in Quito and Casa Damien in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

We are working on planning our 6th trip for the summer of 2020. The dates are already selected – July 22-31. All young people who will be entering 9-12th grade in the Fall of 2020 are eligible to participate. If your son or daughter is interested in this trip, please email Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org for more information.

Prayer Tree

Network Our Prayer Tree Network is a very special group of people who regularly pray for the needs of the community. All may request prayer for a special need or intention for healing, grieving, discernment, strength, comfort or support by contacting our Prayer Tree Network. The members spend some time every day in prayer for the requests that are received. If you are interested in finding out more about this valuable ministry, please call the parish office at (650) 366-9544.



Pastoral Care of the

Sick Do you know a parishioner ill at home, homebound, or in a care facility who would like to receive Communion or anointing? Call the parish office, and we will arrange to have a priest visit.



Offer a Mass Intention for your loved one:

A Mass Intention is a special way to honor a beloved friend or family members, whether in death, for healing, in celebration of a special day, or simply for prayers and guidance. please email lisa@stmatthiasparish.org.

Mass Intentions for November 16-24

Saturday, Nov 16 <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Alan von Hermann †
Sunday, Nov 17 <i>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Conchetta & Pasquale Conti † People of St. Matthias †
Tuesday, Nov 19 <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Amalia K. Bon †
Thursday, Nov 21 <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	5:30 pm	Josefina K. Bon †
Saturday, Nov 23 <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Mimi Piparo †
Sunday, Nov 24 <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	People of St. Matthias † Mueller Miles family †

St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County

Strategically located in South San Francisco, San Mateo and Redwood City, St. Vincent de Paul's Homeless Help Centers offer clients basic survival necessities such as a hot meal, clothing, sleeping bags, bus tokens, ID cards, laundry and mail services.

To expand our services for our neighbors in need, SVdP recently opened a Clothing Closet in Redwood City. We are in need of volunteers to help with this effort!

Hospitality volunteers work one-on-one with SVdP clients to provide much-needed clothing, necessities and dignity. Shifts are available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

If you are interested, please contact Alicia at arangel@svdpsm.org or call (650) 588-5734. Thank you for being compassion in action!

We pray for those who are ill in our community...

Anna Vugrinecz
Kurt Wallace
Bruce Dinkel
Rose Herrera
Margaret Henry
Liz Vugrinecz
Jim Donnelly
Sarah Rose Hove
Marge Bartlemus
Erin Magee
Will Richardson
Shirley Roybal
Pamela Foley
Andres Gutierrez
Marian Deglientoni
Rose & Richard Marino
Peggy Perez

...that they may be comforted by the love of Jesus.

Our Call to Stewardship

All we have is a gift **from** God. What we do with what we have is our gift **to** God.

Sharing our gifts and returning them to God means giving generously of our time, talent, and treasure. To find out ways to share your time and talent, visit this page or www.stmatthiasparish.org.

Treasure Received

July 2019-June 2020 (income needed to balance budget)	\$332,000.00
Year-To-Date Received	\$85,688
Monthly Need	\$27,667
October Sunday Collections	\$20,195
+ Electronic Donations	\$4,665
Total Offertory for October	\$20,195
Difference (Monthly Need - Received)	<-\$7,472>



**CREATING A
CULTURE OF
GENEROSITY**

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2019 Called to Care & Share

Fr. Dave talked about our responsibility as a parish to meet our assessed goal of \$65,273 for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. A few weeks ago, all registered parishioners received a letter urging participation. Please help us to meet this goal by the first week of December.

Contact Fr. Dave, Sabrina or Deacon Rich for more information or questions.

Total Goal	\$65,273
Previously Received	\$32,885.00
Matching Donations	\$24,816.91
Combined Total	\$57,701.91
Balance Needed to Meet our Goal	\$7,571.09

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**MAVERICK
JACK'S**

Our Next Restaurant Fundraiser— Weds, Nov 20th!

Join us on November 20th at Maverick Jacks, 622 Laurel Street in San Carlos. Maverick Jacks is open from 11:00 am—9:00 pm. The restaurant will donate 20% of all guest checks for those from St. Matthias. Applies to lunch, dinner and take out orders. See the flyer in the pews!

Caring for Ourselves

We have an AED, “Automated External Defibrillator”, located in Fr. Lacey Hall. It is to be used for a cardiac emergency of heart attack and it is to be accompanied by an immediate call to 911. Please familiarize yourself with its location. Use of an AED has significantly improved the outcomes of people suffering from a heart attack.



To the Parents of our Young Children, May We Suggest...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and the actions of the priest, altar servers, deacon, choir, etc.

Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. There are speakers in the Hall so that you can still hear what is going on in Church. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

To the Members of Our Parish...

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children with a smile and word of encouragement to their parents. It's not easy to bring young ones to Church.

Mass for the Faithful Departed Homeless

Saturday, November 23 at 11:00 am | Church of the Visitation, 655 Sunnydale Avenue, San Francisco

All the faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to join us on November 23rd for the second annual Requiem Mass for the Homeless Faithful Departed, celebrated during this month is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We particularly invite those who are touched by homelessness in some way either by personal experience or through participation in ministries and apostolates that help the homeless.

There are more than 5,000 unsheltered on our streets with more than 8,000 experiencing home-

lessness including those in emergency shelters, according to the San Francisco Homeless Count & Survey 2019, a biennial survey. Exact numbers of homeless deaths are difficult to track although mortality is four to nine times higher among chronically homeless people than among the general population. In 2018, 135 people died without a fixed address, according to the records of the San Francisco medical examiner. Life expectancy is 25 years shorter. Of the more than 8,000 people categorized as homeless each night in San Francisco in 2019, more suffered from mental illness or substance abuse issues. Ninety-two percent were individuals without minor dependents. Fifty seven people were older than 41 and thirty five percent were 51 or older. The average age of death of a homeless person in 2018 was 51, with drug overdose, alcohol poisoning, cardiovascular disease and violence the primary causes of death.

During November, as the Church particularly commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, join us as we pray for the poor men and women who have died without a home, that our prayers may speed them to their eternal home in heaven.

Assisted Listening System

For anyone wanting to improve their ability to more clearly hear during Mass: A parishioner has donated and installed a new low-power 200 foot range FM transmitter on 88 MHZ. The transmitter is only on during Mass and can be used for those who wish to receive a clear, personal reception during Mass. All that is needed is a small FM pocket radio with headphone jack and earphones. Contact Sabrina for more information.

Middle School Youth Ministry

Thursday, November 21st at 6:00 pm | Fr. Lacey Hall

Middle School Youth (MSYM) meets once a month on the third Thursday of the month from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. For this gathering we will be discussing issues and doing activities related to Creation and science. 5-8th graders are invited to gather and learn more about their faith in fun and engaging ways with their peers.

These gatherings are designed to provide a forum for youth to discuss important issues in their lives while exploring what the Church teaches about specific topics. Parents will be encouraged to help lead activities and/or provide food. Please contact Sabrina for more information or to register.

World Wide Marriage Encounter



How would you rate your marriage? You deserve a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! It's a weekend of experiences designed for married couples of all ages and backgrounds to enrich their marriage.

Make this season special by committing to devote one weekend to your marriage. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Feb 14-16, 2020 in Sacramento and Feb 21-23, 2020 in Danville. For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at 408-782-1413.

California Catholic Ministry Conference

December 5-7, 2019 | San Jose Convention Center | <https://cacmc.net/>

The California Catholic Ministry Conference, formerly known as the Faith Formation Conference will be held this year at the San Jose Convention Center from Thursday, December 5th through Saturday, December 7th. Participants can attend one day, two days or all three days. Join with 3000 other Catholics from the Archdiocese of San Francisco and Dioceses of Oakland, San Jose, Stockton and Monterey.

Sessions offered will include "Young Prophetic Voices for the Church of Today ... Building the Church of Tomorrow," "Is Social Justice an Impossible Dream?," "The Mundane Mercy of Catholic Faith Life," The Immaculate Misconception—7 Things Catholic Think They Know, but Don't," "What in the World is Reconciliation" and many, many more.

Registration brochures are on the table in the back of Church and full conference details including registration information can be found here <https://cacmc.net/>

Catechists who attend all or part of this conference earn credit towards certification and there are many offerings for spiritual enrichment. Sabrina will be attending and can share more information.

Spiritual Care Service Volunteer Training at Stanford Hospital

Would you be interested in visiting Catholic patients at Stanford Hospital and offering them Communion as a Eucharistic Minister? If you are a compassionate listener, empathic, well grounded in your faith, and open to serving a couple hours per week, then becoming a Spiritual Care Service Volunteer at Stanford might be the right opportunity for you. Stanford Health Care is offering its next training class for new volunteers on Saturday, November 9th at Stanford Hospital. To learn more about this special ministry and request an application, please contact Raksha Patel at 650-723-5101 or spiritualcare@stanfordhealthcare.org.

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This Week @ St. Matthias

<u>Sunday, Nov 17th</u>	<u>Monday, Nov 18th</u>	<u>Tuesday, Nov 19th</u>	<u>Wednesday, Nov 20th</u>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT & FISH Meet 1:00 pm Family Meeting for First Reconciliation (UR)	6:30 pm Preschool Advisory Board (Rm 5)	3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (MR) 5:30 pm Mass (Church) 6:00 pm First Reconciliation Family Meeting (UR)	Restaurant Fundraiser @ Maverick Jack's, 622 Laurel Street, San Carlos
		2nd Collection: Campaign for Human Development	
<u>Thursday, Nov 21st</u>	<u>Friday, Nov 22nd</u>	<u>Saturday, Nov 23rd</u>	<u>Sunday, Nov 24th</u>
1:00 pm Justice & Charity Commission Mtg (DR) 5:30 pm Mass (Church) 6:00 pm MSYM (Hall)	9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	5:00 pm Mass (Church)	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT & FISH Meet 11:30 am Donut Sunday 1:00 pm Confirmation Level II Meeting (Rectory)

CR = Rectory Conference Room DR = Rectory Dining Room MR = Merry Room UR = Upper Room PS = Preschool

Essential Oils of the Bible

Please note: This workshop has been postponed to March 25th from 7-8:30 pm. All are welcome. More details to follow.

Bethlehem AD Angels

Each year, on Dec 21, 22 & 23, right here in Redwood City, you can visit Bethlehem AD, a living re-creation of the village of Bethlehem on the night of the first Christmas. This free event is fun for the whole family as visitors travel through the town and experience the town's people, Roman centurions, three wise men, shepherds tending to live camels, Brahma bulls, llamas, donkeys, sheep and other animals. The Holy Family, including a live baby Jesus is surrounded by a group of choreographed angels. On the first day of Advent, Dec 1st at the 10:30 am Mass, the Bethlehem Angels will perform two of their dances during the reflection period after communion and will have more information for parishioners to bring home.

Preparing for Advent

Wednesday, Nov 20th from 7-8 pm | St. Charles Chapel

St. Charles Women's Club extends an invitation to all St. Matthias parishioners to attend a presentation from Deacon Ernie von Emster entitled, "Preparing for Advent." Refreshments will follow the presentation.

Junipero Serra High School Open House

Sunday, Nov 17 at 1:00 pm | Serra High School, located at 451 West 20th Avenue in San Mateo will be holding its annual Open House for prospective students, parents, and friends on Sunday, November 17th at 1:00 pm. Reservations requested at www.serrahs.com/admissions/visit-us.